

VTDP Annotation Guidelines dated 12/30/98:

Census Tabulation Block Boundary Features

Updated the following paragraph to make A70 an acceptable code:

All CFCC codes starting with A are acceptable EXCEPT: A12, A16, A22, A26, A32, A36, A42, A46, A52, A60, A61 (NOTE: A70 is acceptable)

Required File To Be Submitted With Both Map-Based And Electronic File Submissions:

VTD Names File

In addition to submitting VTDP Annotation Maps and/or a VTDP EF, the participating state must submit an ASCII names file. Each VTD annotated on the VTDP Annotation Maps or submitted in the VTDP EFs must correspond to a VTD on a VTD names file. The VTD names file includes the indicator code, which is an optional code provided by the state to distinguish VTDs that are depicted accurately from those that are depicted approximately (actual versus pseudo).

The Census Bureau will represent VTDs by their codes and names. In some products, only the codes will be shown. The Census Bureau will precede the code with the prefix "VTD" and create a name of VTD nnnnnn in those situations where only a code is provided to the Census Bureau.

Example of records in a VTD names file:

```
14,003,21,Rockland, ,
14,003,20, , ,
14,003,5-5,Richland,P,CP
14,003,D42X,Raymond, ,WP
14,003,D42Y,Mitchell, ,WP
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Returning the VTDP Submission

Updated the following paragraphs with a generic e-mail account and a user-friendly web page for file transmittals:

- If using FTP, FTP the files to the appropriate state directory on the Census Bureau FTP site:

`ftp.census.gov/pub/incoming/geo/vtdfile/ss`

Where:

(ss = State Code)

- The Census Bureau requires that you send e-mail to account listed below and include in the message the names of all files placed on the Census Bureau FTP site:

`vtd@geo.census.gov`

- If using e-mail, e-mail the files as attachments (zipped) to:

`vtd@geo.census.gov`

Optionally, participants may use the following www URL as the vehicle to submit the zipped files:

`http://www.census.gov/main/www/sendfile.html`

For *Directory to Receive File*, enter (after the `/pub/incoming/`):

`geo/vtdfile/ss`

Where:

(ss = State Code)

For *Census employee e-mail address*, use:

`vtd@geo.census.gov`

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Attachments

***Also updated Attachment A and Attachment B
Also added Attachment C***

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Attachment B

Boundary and Annexation Survey Internet Page

The BAS Internet Page is available at the following URL. Please note that this is using a secure server and the "https" is required to access this page.

URL: `https://www.census.gov/geo/www/bas`

This page is password protected. When requested, enter the following ID and password:

ID: `bas`

Password: `<previously provided or send e-mail to vtd@geo.census.gov>`

Attachment C

Block Boundary Suggestion Project (BBSP)

Census (CENBBSEL) and Participant (BBSPPART) Values in the VTDP
Annotation TIGER/Line Files

CENBBSEL Position 129 Record Type 1

<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	no flag (default)
1	Accepted must-hold block boundary
2	Accepted tentative will not hold block boundary
3	Accepted Contingent must-hold block boundary
4	Will Hold block boundary (if remains governmental unit boundary)

BBSPPART Position 130 record Type 1

0	no request (default)
1	Requested & accepted must-hold block boundary
2	Requested "Do Not Hold" block boundary
3	Requested Contingent must-hold block boundary
4	Requested but not accepted must-hold block boundary
5	Requested but not accepted "Do Not Hold" block boundary
6	Requested but not accepted Contingent must-hold block boundary